

House Study Bill 528

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the operation of a motor vehicle by a person
2 with a special minor's license, and providing penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. Section 321.194, subsection 1, paragraph a,
2 Code Supplement 2005, is amended by adding the following new
3 unnumbered paragraph:
4 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. A person licensed under this
5 section shall not operate a motor vehicle carrying passengers
6 other than persons qualified to accompany a permittee under
7 section 321.180B, subsection 1.
8 Sec. 2. Section 321.194, Code Supplement 2005, is amended
9 by adding the following new subsection:
10 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. A person who is licensed under this
11 section shall be issued a sticker to be affixed on the lower
12 left side of the rear window of the motor vehicle operated by
13 the licensee. The sticker shall be fluorescent yellow=green
14 in color, bear the words "school license", and bear an
15 identifying number determined by the department. A licensee
16 may be issued more than one sticker as determined by the
17 department by rule. A person who is licensed to drive under
18 this section shall not operate a motor vehicle that is not
19 clearly displaying the sticker required under this subsection.
20 Sec. 3. Section 321.194, subsection 2, Code Supplement
21 2005, is amended to read as follows:
22 2. SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION, AND CANCELLATION.
23 a. A driver's license issued under this section is subject
24 to suspension or revocation for the same reasons and in the
25 same manner as suspension or revocation of any other driver's
26 license. The department may also suspend a driver's license
27 issued under this section upon receiving satisfactory evidence
28 that the licensee has violated the restrictions of the license
29 or has been involved in one or more accidents chargeable to
30 the licensee. The department may suspend a driver's license
31 issued under this section upon receiving a record of the
32 licensee's conviction for one violation. The department shall
33 revoke the license upon receiving a record of conviction for
34 two or more violations of a law of this state or a city
35 ordinance regulating the operation of motor vehicles on
2 1 highways other than parking violations as defined in section
2 2 321.210. After a person licensed under this section receives
2 3 two or more convictions which require revocation of the
2 4 person's license under this section, the department shall not
2 5 grant an application for a new driver's license until the
2 6 expiration of one year.
2 7 b. The department shall immediately cancel a license
2 8 issued under this section upon receiving satisfactory evidence
2 9 that the licensee has violated the provisions of subsection
2 10 1A. A person whose license is canceled under this paragraph
2 11 shall not be issued another license under this section.

EXPLANATION

2 13 This bill requires a motor vehicle operator who holds a
2 14 special minor's license to display a sticker on the lower left
2 15 side of the rear window of the vehicle. The sticker is to be
2 16 fluorescent yellow=green and bear the words "school license"
2 17 and an identifying number determined by the state department
2 18 of transportation. The department has the discretion to issue

2 19 more than one sticker to a licensee.

2 20 The bill requires the department to immediately cancel the
2 21 special minor's license of a person who operates a vehicle not
2 22 clearly displaying the school license sticker, and such person
2 23 shall not be issued another special minor's license.

2 24 Current law provides that a special minor's license may be
2 25 issued to a person between 14 and 18 years of age to drive to
2 26 and from school, or the nearest bus stop, and certain school
2 27 activities within the school district between the hours of 6
2 28 a.m. and 10 p.m. In addition, the licensee may drive at any
2 29 time when accompanied by a person with a valid driver's
2 30 license who is the driver's parent or guardian, an immediate
2 31 family member at least 21 years of age, a driver education
2 32 instructor, or a person at least 25 years of age with written
2 33 permission of the parent or guardian. The bill prohibits a
2 34 person with a special minor's license from operating a motor
2 35 vehicle at any time when there are passengers in the vehicle
3 1 other than such qualified accompanying adults. A person who
3 2 violates the restrictions of a special minor's license is
3 3 subject to sanctions including suspension or revocation of the
3 4 license.

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